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RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND  
CAREER OF DR. TADEO AOKI, MD

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, October 16, 2002*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the significant achievements of Dr. Tadeo Aoki, MD and Doctor of Medical Science. Dr. Aoki has made important medical and scientific research contributions to Japan, the United States and the world.

Dr. Aoki was born in Higashibori-Dori, Niigata Japan. He graduated from Niigata University, School of Medicine in 1955. He completed his internship at the Hospital of Niigata School of Medicine in 1956. He graduated from the Post-Graduate course of the 2nd Department of Internal Medicine at the Niigata University, School of Medicine in 1961, and he was awarded a Doctor of Medical Science degree.

In 1962, Dr. Aoki was sent by the Japanese Government, as a visiting fellow in cancer research, to Sloane-Kettering in New York. He worked at the Sloane-Kettering Institute as a Scientist and then as Section Head of Immunology.

In 1971 Dr. Aoki was appointed as the Head of the Immunology section of the National Cancer Institute, NIH. At NIH, he also served as the Associate Editor of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute and as a Scientific Consultant to the "Chiba Cancer Center".

In 1977, Dr. Aoki left NIH to return to Japan. There, he was named Chief, Department of Research and Internal Medicine, Shinrkuen Hospital, Niigata City, Japan.

In 1988, Dr. Aoki came back to the United States, and established the Laboratory of Medical Science in Rockville, Maryland.

Dr. Aoki has been a consultant to the Argentina Medical Association, as a Visiting Scholar, Department of Pathology, University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine, and as an Additional Member of the "Niigata Association of Labor Health", in Japan. Dr. Aoki presently resides in Niigata, Japan.

During his long and very distinguished career, Dr. Aoki has made significant contributions to science and medicine. Before the development of molecular biology, he discovered the genetical control of host resistance and sensitivity to murine Gross leukemia virus transmission in mouse systems, using very complicated immunofluorescent microscopy by absorption of soluble antigen in plasma. He discovered the Ly-1, 2 isologous antigen system, which has been used for organ transplantation matching testing. He was the innovator of a new immuno-electronmicroscopy using hybrid antibody with anti-various markers to analyze the relation of location between different cell surface antigens. He was centrally involved in the discovery of a new illness "Low NK Syndrome (LNKS). Many across the world have sought his advice on LNKS and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS). His consultation was requested regarding diagnosis and treatment for LNKS from the U.S., France, Argentina and Croatia. His published medical papers include more than 200 books and articles.

I now ask that you join me in recognizing and honoring Dr. Tadeo Aoki.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCIE SMILES

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, October 16, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I recognize Francie Smiles of Montrose, Colorado for the selfless contributions she has made for breast cancer awareness. Francie, a breast cancer survivor, has tirelessly dedicated her time and energy toward helping others in her community inflicted with the illness. Today, I would like to pay tribute to Francie for the commitment and compassion she has given to such a worthwhile endeavor.

Francie has been a member of the Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support group since her diagnosis in 1997. The group was formed ten years ago to provide a support network for women in Southwestern Colorado who are living with the disease. Now that Francie's cancer has gone into remission, she has continued to remain active within the group, helping to raise money and provide emotional support for other breast cancer patients.

Every year, the Bosom Buddies Support Group holds their annual walk/run fundraiser and Francie is one of the events' chief promoters. In 2001, 341 people attended the fundraiser, helping to raise over 11,000 dollars for 68 women in need of medical and financial assistance. Hoping to build on last year's success, Francie expects to register 375 people this year.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize Francie Smiles before this body of Congress and this nation for all of her efforts in the fight against breast cancer. Francie has redirected the misfortune of her own diagnosis of breast cancer in a positive direction and used it to raise money and awareness to help others to overcome the disease. I commend Francie on her efforts and wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES  
ON H.R. 4546, BOB STUMP NA-  
TIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA-  
TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my friend, Congressman GENE TAYLOR from Mississippi, for introducing this important motion to instruct conferees on the issue of concurrent receipt.

As I meet with constituents throughout my district—from San Antonio to the border cities of Starr County—the number one issue consistently raised is concurrent receipt.

Whether at town hall meetings, school visits, church lectures, or in one on one meetings, military retirees and their families remind me about this injustice.

Concurrent receipt is a century old law which forces military retirees to forfeit one dol-

lar of retired pay for each dollar of disability compensation received from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

That's retired pay they earned by years of service, and that's disability compensation they receive for injuries sustained in the service of our Nation.

This system forces our sailors, soldiers, marines and airmen to subsidize their own disability. This is an outrage.

I urge my colleagues to eliminate this disgraceful system completely, once and for all.

Time is really of the essence. It is wrong of us to wait one more year.

It is appalling to know that disabled veterans, who have sacrificed so much for this country, are not receiving the benefits and support they are entitled to upon retirement.

I, like more than 400 members of this House, have added my support as a co-sponsor of legislation which would end this unfair practice.

The time for lip service has ended. Now we must act.

In recent months this country has called upon our military personal to serve our country, and they have responded quickly, forcefully and without hesitation.

Just earlier today this House voted to authorize a full-scale war against Iraq. Many more of our brave sons and daughters will return with disabilities.

I urge the defense authorization conferees to end this shameful practice now and provide for the total elimination of concurrent receipt restrictions.

I urge the White House to stop threatening to veto the defense bill.

We should not balance our defense budget on the backs of disabled retirees.

Let's stand up to veto threats.

Let's stand up for our heroes.

Let's stand up for what we know is right.

IN HONOR OF JACK LICK

**HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, October 16, 2002*

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, Jack Lick retired one year ago as vice president of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union of Minnesota and North Dakota. Jack was dedicated to the union that he served for many years and he made the needs of working people a top priority.

Jack took the time to administer to the needs of his members by helping them through difficult professional and personal times. He enabled new members to develop their leadership skills to better ensure the future success of all members. You could see Jack swell with well-deserved pride as those he mentored excelled and led with both passion and authority.

Over the past many years, I worked closely with BCTWGM on several important issues, including fair trade and agricultural policy. Jack was always by my side as we sought to improve conditions for workers. We fought against NAFTA, the WTO, and other policies that protected corporations and governments at the expense of workers and farmers. We forged new partnerships between labor and